

NOTES FOR GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH  
Founder's Council Reception, November 17, 2006

- Great pleasure to join with Gary in welcoming you to the Molecular Science and Engineering Building. Gary just described some of the exciting things that will happen in this building, which just opened this fall.
- This stunning facility is final piece of an amazing Biotechnology Complex. What is even more amazing:
  - 10 years ago, Biotechnology Complex was not here.
  - 10 years ago, never would have occurred to anyone to say “medicine” and “Georgia Tech” in same sentence.
  - 10 years ago, the word “nanotechnology” not a part of anyone’s vocabulary.
  - 10 years ago, Georgia Tech not among nation’s top 10 public universities.
  - 10 years ago, GT students were not routinely winning the most prestigious scholarships in the world.
- Tremendous progress in very short time:
  - Consistently among top 10 public universities.
  - Students winning Goldwaters, Marshalls, Fulbrights and even Rhodes scholarships.
  - Reshaping of campus: may have seen article in AJC recently about ribbon cutting for Klaus Bldg. Also Technology Square and Campus Rec Center within past 10 years.
  - Outstanding facilities enable us to attract research funding and centers of excellence:
    - Klaus Bldg will house research center sponsored by Sony, IBM, Toshiba to develop supercomputer on a chip
    - Tech #2 in nation in engineering research; leader in emerging new field of nanomedicine; innovative partnership with Emory. 3 centers of nanomedicine in past 2 years (cardio, cancer, DNA/RNA repair), Jeff Skolnick and Center for Study of Systems Bio
  - Tech also emerging as global university
    - 5 campuses on 3 continents (Atlanta, Savannah, Metz, Singapore, Ireland)
  - These things enrich undergraduate experience, educate leaders of tomorrow:
    - 40% of undergrads do structured research
    - 34% of undergrads study abroad
- Very different trend over past 10 years in state funding
  - Has shrunk from a third of GT’s budget to less than a quarter
  - Highlights importance of private gifts to future of GT
- Someone once said: “The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”
  - You, as members of the Founder’s Council, know what that means.
  - You invest in Georgia Tech’s future even though you will not be here to see the difference your gifts will make in the life of this Institute.

- Many donors make contributions to GT while they are still around to have the pleasure of seeing their gifts at work:
  - Honored at unveiling and ribbon-cutting ceremonies, see their names on walls and signs and implanted in sidewalks
  - Meet students who benefit from their scholarships, faculty who hold the chairs they funded.
- You, who give through planned giving, bequests, and annuities, are just as generous, but it is truly a self-less generosity
  - Will no longer be here to receive our thanks at the point where your gift is received.
  - Give with no expectation of basking in praise or being the focus of a ribbon-cutting or plaque unveiling.
  - Will never have opportunity to see the difference your gifts make in the life of Georgia Tech and its students, faculty, and staff.
- You give with the simple and pure intent of making a quiet investment in the future of this Institute we all love.
- Founder's Council was created to recognize you, give us an opportunity to show our appreciation to you in person while you are still with us. Also want you to know that we will keep faith with you, and commit ourselves to using your gifts as you envisioned.
- Pleased to have this opportunity to thank you for your generosity. You honor us with your presence today.
- Former members of Founder's Council include Ken Faulkner, who passed away about 18 months ago.
  - Gift given at 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2000 now being realized in Kenneth and Mary Faulkner Scholarships, awarded this year for the first time.
  - Faulkner Scholarships go to students from Georgia who are wonderful young people, but because of the extreme rigor of the curriculum at Georgia Tech, have lost HOPE Scholarships.
  - The Faulkner Scholarships enable GT to restore their hope from a different source.
- Ken Faulkner unable to meet the students benefiting from his generosity, but you can. Proud to introduce one of the Faulkner Scholars – Brian Pearl, international affairs major from Richmond Hill, Ga.

(BRIAN SPEAKS)

- Thanks, Bryan.
- Now my pleasure to introduce a member of Founders' Council to speak from donor's perspective.
- John Weitnaur:
  - Graduated from GT with BS in IE in 1949; retired from career with Richway

- Active donor: John Weitnaur Technology Transfer Chair held by John Copeland, ECE
- Also member of Founder's Council; in fact, met wife June at Founder's Council event.
- Invite John to come forward, say a few words